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SUBJECT: POSITION PAPER ON UNIDO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

REF: (A) ID/B/C.3/66; (B) VIENNA 03549

1. POSITION PAPER WHICH FOLLOWS HAS BEEN PREPARED BY
IO/UNP FOR THE PC X MEETING BEFORE RECEIPT OF VIENNA 3940.

QUOTE

WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL AND
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VIENNA 03549 WHICH GIVES THE ISRAELI PERMANENT REPRE-
SENTATIVE'S VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL AND POSES ISSUES
WHICH THE US POSITION PAPER ON THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD DEAL
WITH. OUR VIEWS ARE AS FOLLOWS ON THESE ISSUES:

A) WE AGREE THAT THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT HAS EXCEEDED
ITS AUTHORITY IN CONTACTING THE PLO TO "ASCERTAIN THE

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." UNFORTUNATELY THIS ACTION HAS PROMPTED A WRITTEN REQUEST WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE IDB. ON THE SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, WE OPPOSED THE TWO ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS WHICH CALLED FOR UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO PROVIDE

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, BECAUSE THE RESOLUTIONS DIRECT THE AGENCIES TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE PLO. WE CONTINUE TO REMIND UN MEMBER STATES THAT THE UN CREATED THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY (UNRWA) AS ITS CHANNEL FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THAT THIS IS STILL THE PROPER CHANNEL FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO UNIDO'S OFFERING THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIANS, WE THINK IT SHOULD DO SO THROUGH UNRWA AND NOT THROUGH THE PLO. WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED SURVEY, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH IT PROVIDED THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE SURVEY TEAM. (WE NOTE THE ISRAELI PERM REP'S ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY BUT THIS MAY NOT BE THE FINAL WORD. WE WOULD PROBABLY NOT GO OUT OF OUR WAY TO ENCOURAGE ISRAELI COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL.) WHILE A SURVEY WHICH WOULD ASSESS THE EXTENT OF INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA SINCE 1966 MIGHT DEVELOP SOME USEFUL DATA ON THESE AREAS, WE DOUBT THAT A SIX-MONTH PERIOD IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE

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THIS TASK.

B) WE BELIEVE THE US DELEGATION SHOULD BE ACTIVE IN BEHIND-THE-SCENES EFFORTS TO REVISE THIS PROPOSAL TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF OUR VIEW THAT UNRWA IS THE PROPER CHANNEL OF ALL UN ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IF THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, OUR DELEGATION SHOULD WORK FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF ANY CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

C) IF THE PROPOSAL IS PRESENTED FOR A VOTE IN ITS PRESENT FORM, THE US DELEGATION SHOULD VOTE AGAINST IT. FOLLOWING THE VOTE, THE DELEGATE SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT THAT RECALLS THE US OPPOSITION TO THE TWO ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS (STEINER WILL HAVE COPY), REMINDS THE IDB THAT WE REGARD UNRWA AS THE OFFICIALLY-RECOGNIZED UN CHANNEL FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND EXPRESSES DISAPPROVAL OF THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT'S ACTION IN PREPARING THIS PROPOSAL WITHOUT IDB APPROVAL.

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